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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
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DALLAS, TEXAS

From approximately 3:35 to 4:00 PM, on December 30, 1968, Special Agent Thomas J. Bevans of the Los Angeles Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, was interviewed by Assistant Special Agent in Charge Richard D. Rogge and Supervisory Special Agent Chester E. St. Vincent.

Mr. Bevans was made aware of the allegations made by former Security Patrol Clerk William S. Walter to the effect that sometime during Walter's tour of duty, midnight to 8:00 AM, on Sunday, November 17, 1963, he received a teletype from FBI Headquarters containing information that there might be an assassination attempt on President John F. Kennedy in Texas. Further, Bevans was questioned concerning any information or knowledge he may have regarding an alleged FBI directive instructing Agents who investigated the assassination of President Kennedy to examine interview reports and to destroy old reports where conflicts were located.

Mr. Bevans stated while assigned to the New Orleans Office from August 1958 to August 29, 1964, he was assigned as a night clerk. During the period preceeding and including the date of President Kennedy's assassination, November 1963, he was working as a Security Patrol Clerk and was so employed on the 4:15 PM to 12:15 AM shift. Mr. Bevans continued his normal weekly schedule was Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:15 PM to 12:15 AM, and Sunday 8:15 AM to 4:15 PM, with Monday and Tuesday his days off.

Mr. Bevans stated while he cannot specifically recall the date of November 17, 1963, by being advised it was a Sunday and considering his normal routine, he would have been working

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from 4:15 PM, Saturday, November 16, 1963, to 12:15 AM, November 17, 1963, and probably was relieved by William S. Walter on or about twelve midnight, Saturday, November 16, 1963. Mr. Bevans stated he then would return to work as his custom at 8:15 AM on Sunday, November 17, 1963, and terminated his duty at 4:15 PM that date. Mr. Bevans states he specifically recalls working on the afternoon of Friday, November 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. He was subsequently relieved, based on normal custom and to the best of his recollection, by Mr. Walter and can recall no conversation or mention whatsoever concerning the receipt of any teletype or any type of communication from the Bureau or from any other source relating to a current or prior period wherein an alleged attempt would be made to assassinate the President.

Mr. Bevans stated because of their assignment it was essential for him and Mr. Walter to work closely together since they relieved each other and in order to maintain the continuity of usual business it was necessary they relay all pertinent data to one another to effectively carry out their responsibilities. Mr. Bevans states at no time prior to or on November 17, 1963, or any time since, does he recall Mr. Walter ever mentioning the receipt of a teletype or communication of any kind from any source whatsoever alleging or reporting there might be an assassination attempt on President John F. Kennedy. Mr. Bevans states it would appear to him in view of the impact and instantaneous worldwide interest in the assassination of President Kennedy, that had Walter received such a communication as alleged at any time during this period he, Walter, would have mentioned it. Further, if Walter did not mention it specifically to him he was certain the mere existence of such a communication would prompt other employees to make mention of the incident. However, in view of the lack of such conversation or report at any time he is certain in his mind the alleged message was not received. Mr. Bevans also specifically states at no time did he receive a teletype or other communication from any source whatsoever prior to or after the assassination alleging an assassination attempt might be made on President John F. Kennedy. Further, he does not

recall any other FBI employee or for that matter anyone else ever mentioning the existence of any communication from any source alleging an assassination attempt would be made on President Kennedy.

Mr. Bevans continued he never received any instructions from the then Special Agent in Charge Harry G. Maynor to contact any Agents in the New Orleans Office to alert their informants regarding such a threat during the period in question, namely November 16, 1963, to November 22, 1963. He also states no instructions were left for him or orally given to him by Mr. Walter or anyone else regarding contacts to be made with Agents to alert their informants concerning an alleged threat to assassinate President Kennedy.

Mr. Bevans continued the New Orleans FBI Office had standing instructions during the period he was assigned as a night clerk that any important matters coming to his or any other clerks attention after regular business hours were to be immediately brought to the attention of the Special Agent in Charge or the Assistant Special Agent in Charge. Mr. Bevans stated in line with these instructions he knows he would have brought such an important matter as a threat to assassinate the President of the United States immediately to the attention of Special Agent in Charge Maynor and surely in view of the impact of the crime he would recall such an incident.

Mr. Bevans stated during the period of his employment in New Orleans, he never recalls the receipt of any FBI directive or hearing of such a directive instructing Special Agents who participated in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy to examine interview reports and to destroy those wherein conflicts existed. Further, Mr. Bevans states categorically that at no time since leaving New Orleans has he heard of such a report.

Mr. Bevans stated since entering on duty as a Special Agent on August 31, 1964, he has tried to get home at least once a year to visit his parents and in-laws in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area. He stated sometime during the summer, possibly

August or September 1965 or 1966, he by chance met Walter in New Orleans at an unrecalled location where they had a brief casual conversation. At no time during this meeting did Walter bring up the fact he allegedly received such a communication or was the assassination of President Kennedy or any of its aspects discussed. Mr. Bevans stated while he knew Walter as a business associate and may have had lunch with him on infrequent occasions, they were never close socially.

Mr. Bevans states he has never been contacted by Walter, Mark Lane, New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison, their representatives, or any other individual concerning this matter other than Assistant Special Agent in Charge Rogge and Supervisory Special Agent St. Vincent.

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